

that the Engineering Department would be addressed in the matter. In 1909 it was said that the matter was noted. In 1910, subject 75, it was said that the Deputy Commissioners would be directed to take necessary action in the matter after consulting the Engineering department as to the necessity of providing sluices with locks. Orders should be passed early in this matter.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 107.

Classification of minor tanks.

(a) Mr. Ramanuja Iyengar, Gubbi taluk.

(b) Messrs. C. Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur taluk, H. Krishna Rao, Kadur District Board; Bhaskar Rao, Shimoga District Board; and C. Vamana Rao, Nagar taluk.

(c) Messrs. Ummanniah and Mallegowda, Bowringpet taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) The Department of Public Works have not been repairing the minor tanks yielding a revenue of Rs. 300 and under. Such of these tanks as possess water for irrigating *Kartika* crops under them may be treated as major tanks and repairs to them may be entrusted to Department of Public Works and the tanks yielding revenue of Rs. 200 and under may be classed as minor.

(b) The present classification of minor and major tanks both in malnad and maidan may be so altered as to classify tanks with an atchkat of Rs. 100 and under, as "Minor" and all the rest as "Major," so as to vest the repairs of all tanks with an atchkat of over Rs. 100 in the Public Works Department.

(c) The distinction now made in the treatment between major and minor tanks may be abolished and all tanks dealt with uniformly.

This was considered along with subject No. 108.

SUBJECT No. 108.

(a) Restoration of tanks in the malnad.

(b) Minor tanks in the malnad to be maintained at Government cost.

(a) Messrs. B. Venkatasubbanachar, Agumbe Rama Rao, Thammayyabhatta and Ramanagowda, Tirthahalli taluk.

(b) Mr. S. Sitaramiah, Shimoga taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(a) It is prayed that the restoration of both major and minor tanks in the malnad may be undertaken at Government cost.

(b) No benefit is derived at present by the levy of the irrigation cess in the malnad taluks. It is therefore fair and equitable that the maintenance work of minor tanks in the malnad should be undertaken by Government.

Reply of Government.—These will be noted for consideration in connection with the revision of the Scheme for the restoration of minor tanks, which is under contemplation.

SUBJECT No. 109.

Repairs to minor tanks in the malnad.

Messrs. Kesavadasiengar and Kesavachar, Belur taluk, Suryanarayanasetti and Suryanaranappa, Arkalgud taluk.

Summary of discussion.—A large number of minor tanks in the maidan parts have been repaired and restored by Government. In the malnad there are also a large number of such tanks. But for want of repairs these have all been silted up and the bunds are overgrown with jungle. As the Government do not undertake the repairs of such tanks, unless and until the raiyats have completed the earthwork, and as the raiyats, unless compelled to do earthwork, are not doing the same, it is requested